

**645—261.1 (148G,152B) Definitions.** For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

*“Active license”* means a license that is current and has not expired.

*“Board”* means the board of respiratory care and polysomnography.

*“BRPT”* means the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists.

*“CAAHEP”* means the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

*“CoARC”* means the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

*“Grace period”* means the 30-day period following expiration of a license when the license is still considered to be active. In order to renew a license during the grace period, a licensee is required to pay a late fee.

*“Licensee”* means any person licensed to practice as a respiratory care practitioner, polysomnographic technologist, or respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner in the state of Iowa.

*“License expiration date”* means March 31 of even-numbered years.

*“NBRC”* means the National Board of Respiratory Care.

*“Polysomnographic technologist”* means a person licensed by the board to engage in the practice of polysomnography under the general supervision of a physician or a qualified health care professional prescriber.

*“Reactivate”* or *“reactivation”* means the process as outlined in rule 645—261.14(17A,147,272C) by which an inactive license is restored to active status.

*“Reciprocal license”* means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice as a respiratory care practitioner, polysomnographic technologist, or respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state that has a mutual agreement with the Iowa board of respiratory care and polysomnography to license persons who have the same or similar qualifications to those required in Iowa.

*“Reinstatement”* means the process as outlined in 645—11.31(272C) by which a licensee who has had a license suspended or revoked or who has voluntarily surrendered a license may apply to have the license reinstated, with or without conditions. Once the license is reinstated, the licensee may apply for active status.

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